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SUBJECT: TELEVISION RECEIVERS: ITC REPORTS TO THE
PRESIDENT

REF: STATE 56355

1. IN REFTEL WE ADVISED THAT THE ITC, HAVING FOUND
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FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE PERTINENT PORTIONS OF THE ITC
PRESS RELEASE DATED MARCH 22 ANNOUNCING THE ITC HAD
REPORTED ITS FINDING AND RECOMMENDATION TO THE PRESIDENT:
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TRADE COMMISSION FOUND THAT INCREASED IMPORTS OF TELEVISVON

RECEIVERS ARE CAUSING OR THREATENING SERIOUS INJURY TO DOMESTIC TELEVISION MANUFACTURERS.

THE COMMISSION RECOMMENDED THAT DUTIES ON THE IMPORTED RECEIVERS BE RAISED TO REMEDY THE INJURY. FIVE COMMIS-

SIONERS -- DANIEL MINCHEW, JOSEPH O. PARKER, WILL E. LEONARD, GEORGE M. MOORE, AND CATHERINE BEDELL -- RECOMMENDED THAT THE PRESENT DUTY OF 5 PERCENT AD VALOREM BE RAISED TO 25 PERCENT FOR THE FIRST 2 YEARS, THEN LOWERED TO 20 PERCENT FOR THE NEXT 2 YEARS AND TO 15 PERCENT FOR THE FIFTH AND FINAL YEAR OF REMEDY. COMMISSIONER ITALO H. ABLONDI RECOMMENDED A QUOTA OF 1,272,000 TELEVISION SETS FOR THE FIRST YEAR, WITH A 5-PERCENT INCREASE IN EACH SUCCEEDING YEAR.

COMMISSIONERS MINCHEW, LEONARD, AND MOORE WOULD APPLY THE HIGHER RATES TO BOTH COLOR AND BLACK AND WHITE SETS. COMMISSIONERS PARKER, BEDELL, AND ABLONDI INCLUDED ONLY COLOR SETS IN THEIR REMEDY RECOMMENDATIONS.

IMPORTS OF COLOR TELEVISION RECEIVERS, PRINCIPALLY FROM JAPAN, THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA, AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, REACHED A LEVEL OF ABOUT 3.3 MILLION SETS IN 1976. ALMOST 4.5 MILLION BLACK AND WHITE SETS WERE RECEIVED IN THE SAME YEAR. ON OCTOBER 21, 1976, RESPONDING TO A PETITION FROM BUSINESS AND LABOR GROUPS IN THE U.S. ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY, THE USITC BEGAN ITS INVESTIGATION

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AND HELD PUBLIC HEARINGS IN CHICAGO AND WASHINGTON, D.C., DURING THE COURSE OF ITS WORK ON THE CASE. END TEXT.

2. AS POSTS WILL RECALL, THE PRESIDENT HAS SIXTY DAYS FROM THE RECEIPT OF THE REPORT TO MAKE A DECISION (MAY 21).

3. US MISSION OECD PARIS INFORM OCED SECRETARIAT. US MISSION GENEVA NOTIFY THE GATT SECRETARIAT REQUESTING THAT THE ITC FINDING AND RECOMMENDATION BE CIRCULATED FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES.

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